

James Ritter (Jamie) is the current director of Reader and Information Services at the Maine State Library, and has been in this role since 2012. The Reader and Information Services division at the Maine State Library provides for the delivery of quality information, reference and loan services to state agency personnel and the general public. This includes supporting and complementing the collections of all types of libraries throughout the state. Specific programs include: reference, circulation, government documents, collection services, and interlibrary loan. In this role he has delivered a number of presentations to various organizations and constituents, in an effort to promote the Maine State Library's services.

Prior to joining the Maine State Library, Mr. Ritter served as Deputy Director of the Camden Public Library. As a member of the library's management team, he had oversight of all fund development activities and assisted the Library Director in operations, strategic planning, personnel, and other responsibilities required to operate the library in a superior manner.

Mr. Ritter also has extensive corporate experience having worked for MBNA as Vice President of Administration and Community Relations, and for Camden National Bank as Senior Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Planning. During Mr. Ritter's employment at MBNA, he oversaw the creation of the MBNA Foundation Library Grants Program, and served as the program's first director. This program awarded more than \$2 million in grants to libraries across Maine.

A former member and Chair of the Maine Library Commission, Mr. Ritter was part of the creation of the Maine State Library's 2011-2013 Strategic Plan. Additionally, he served as Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee – a sub-committee of the Maine Library Commission – to develop and advocate for legislation impacting Maine's libraries. He received a BA in Political Science from the University of Delaware, and is pursuing his MLIS at Drexel University with a concentration in Competitive Intelligence and Knowledge Management. He is expected to complete his MLIS degree program in December 2015.

Mr. Ritter lives in Searsmont, Maine with his wife Heather and two children, Anna (15) and James (10). He helps coach his son's little league baseball team, enjoys playing the guitar, and never misses the chance to read a new Tom Clancy novel.